

appreciate that word. I'm going to use it again and again and again. I didn't take any of it and now I know why, because I'm liberated to say what I think is best for the people of the State of Nebraska. I'm liberated to say what I feel. I don't have any obligation to anybody except the people of the State of Nebraska and this issue should be brought to the floor so we can have a full and fair debate. I would bring it to the floor for no other reason except to see Senator Ashford get that excited about an issue again, and I think it's important to talk about how you legislate responsibility. If I were to amend this bill I would put, thou shalt not be stupid. Parents, thou shalt not be stupid. We can't solve this problem with everything that we do here, but we can sure debate it and discuss it and consider it. I agree that the Judiciary Committee looked at this bill and said, you know, this has got a lot of problems, this is not workable, this is a bad idea and that's I think why they killed it. This is not in any way intended to tell the Judiciary Committee that they did something wrong. All it is saying the sense of the body is that we want to bring this bill forth for some more debate and discussion. And I think debate and discussion makes a bill better and it makes people informed about the issues and I'm not a bit afraid to have that debate on this floor and I'm not a bit afraid of the kind of letters from constituents and the NRA and the people that support this legislation or the people that well-meaning oppose it and, frankly, Senator, they're not all nuts. Some of them are well-meaning individuals who just happen to belong to an organization that you think is nutty. I guess I'm in support of bringing this to the floor because I think it deserves additional debate. It's an important issue and I will support Senator Ashford in his efforts to do exactly that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, so that some of you will have a little background on what did happen in the Judiciary Committee, and the media were there but they probably chose not to report it, I had made attempts to amend the bill. There are provisions in it that I don't think are workable. There are some that Senator Ashford recognizes as not being so. Some of the amendments that I offered the committee adopted. But there were certain members who said no matter what form this bill is in they wouldn't support it. So I said, suppose I would offer an amendment to change it to a bill